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Ahead of the News

CAPITOL HILL—Here's a well-placed insider's prediction on the Watkins Committee Report: The committee will find Senator McCarthy "could" be censured on at least two of the charges against him—his use of an FBI report and his encouraging of Federal employes to act as informers. It may also report adversely on McCarthy's alleged abuse of General Zwicker. But it will find evidence lacking to support the two remaining charges.

PENTAGON—Don't be surprised if the U.S. adopts a new "eye-for-an-eye" policy in its cold war with Russia and China. Under international law the U.S. could seize a Soviet ship and hold it until Russia paid indemnities for shooting down an American plane. Some Pentagon officials are strongly urging this course of action.

CAPITOL HILL—Having decided not to accept any more campaign speaking engagements (as predicted in *Periscope* Sept. 20) Senator McCarthy is now considering an investigation of alleged mishandling of Army money in Hawaii. His tipster: Someone in the Executive branch.

The Inside Story

THE WHITE HOUSE—In an unusual move for him, President Eisenhower has instructed National Security Council members to plug news "leaks" to two nationally syndicated columnists. The order went out just before he left for Denver.

STATE DEPARTMENT—Secretary Dulles is disturbed over the conduct of Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban who, while on leave in Israel, appealed to the "free American people" to oppose the Administration's allegedly anti-Israel policies. Dulles planned to call Eban on the carpet last week, but his trip to Europe intervened.

PRINCETON, N.J.—Look for atomic scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer to pop back into the news next week. The board of trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study will meet here to decide

whether he should be kept on as institute director. Chances are better than even that it will retain him—for the time being anyway.

Capital Straws

CAPITOL HILL—Senator Jenner's Red-hunting subcommittee is juggling a hot potato. In secret testimony, Dr. Bella Dodd, onetime Communist Party leader, gave the committee the names of two Washington corresponders for New York newspapers, she once knew party members. The subcommittee is debating whether to release the newsmen's names.

WASHINGTON—His bid for the New York governorship has revived speculation over whether Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., born in Canada while his parents were vacationing there, is eligible for the Presidency. The Constitution stipulates that the President must be a "natural-born citizen," and the Supreme Court has held that a person born outside the U.S. is not one. However, don't bet that young Roosevelt would be ruled ineligible. Best legal advice is that in a court test he could be, and might very well be, declared a "natural-born citizen."

Political Whispers

CHICAGO—Biggest individual contributor to the lagging Democratic National Committee fund drive in the last three months was Adlai Stevenson, who gave \$2,500.

BOSTON—The political wind that chilled the Republicans in the Maine elections last week is being felt here. Democratic Senatorial candidate Foster Furcolo, who wasn't given an outside chance a few months ago, is now considered an even bet to unseat Sen. Leverett Saltonstall.

WASHINGTON—Just 48 hours before the Democrats won the Maine governorship, neither Deputy Chairman Clayton Fritchey nor Pub-